

Team Effort Earns Bulldog Win By Judy Rogers

The Golden Plains Bulldogs won their second game of the season when they travelled to Ransom to play the Western Plains Bobcats on September 22 with a 56-0 score by the end of the first half. "This was a fun game," said junior Caleb Korte. "It was great having everyone get playing time." "I was excited and pumped up ready to play," added senior Larry Radovich.

The Bobcats won the toss and elected to receive. The Bulldogs stopped them allowing them to take over on the 13 yard line. Caleb Korte quickly carried the ball over the goal line to give the 'Dogs a 6-0 lead.

The Bobcats made a few short gains, but defensive play by Korte, Harley Weese, and Jaime Infante forced them to punt. Weese then ran in the ball with Korte lead blocking for him. Weese also ran in the PAT to give the 'Dogs a 13 point lead.

The Bulldog defense proved to be no match for the Bobcats with Miguel Monge and Larry Radovich tackling their runner for a loss. They Bobcats fumbled and Weese recovered. Weese added another touchdown run with a PAT run in by Josh Spresser for the 20 point lead. The Bulldogs recovered the kick back to the Bobcats and quickly converted for a score with runs by Weese and a score by Korte. The 'Dogs led 26-0 at the end of the first quarter.

The Bulldogs continued to control the scoreboard in the second as a full team effort was played out on the field. Tackles by Wade Rush, Korte, Infante, and Weese kept the Bobcats from making gains. Quarterback Jacob Ritter passed the ball to Weese for a short run, then to Korte for a first down. Weese ran the ball to the five as Korte completed the drive in the end zone. The successful PAT by Spresser extended the Bulldog lead to 33.

The Bobcats tried to carry the ball, but Korte knocked the ball loose and recovered the fumble to regain possession for the Bulldogs. Radovich ran the ball a few times and the 'Dogs attempted a field goal that fell short of the uprights. Another Bobcat fumble was recovered by Spresser. Korte and Weese had a few short gains before Weese passed to Nolan Ritter in the end zone with under two minutes to the half. Ritter then kicked the ball over the goal post for a 2-point conversion and a 41-point Bulldog lead.

The Bobcats worked to make a few short gains, but an intentional grounding in the end zone gave the Bulldogs a two point safety. Korte caught another ball from Weese and ran over the goal line as the clock clicked down. With just seconds left to play, the kick off to the Bobcats bounced off a receiver and was recovered by the 'Dogs. Josh Spresser ran in the touchdown with a PAT run by Austin Patmon to finish the game at the half with a 56-0 win for the Bulldogs. "It was a good win," said Josh Spresser. "It felt good to get my first touchdown of the season; hopefully, there will be more to come."

"It's always nice to get a win," said Coach Travis Smith. "It's even better to get everyone in the game." The 'Dogs all played well with tackles coming from Harley Weese-6, Caleb Korte-5, Nolan Ritter-5, Wade Rush-4, Jaime Infante-3, Josh Spresser-3, Chucky Hernandez-2, Toby Korte-2, Larry Radovich-2, Miguel Monge-2, and Chris Stoltz-1.

Rushing yards were gained by Weese-93, C. Korte-80, J. Spresser-53, Radovich-4, and Patmon-2 with Weese scoring 2 TDs, Korte 3 TDs, and Spresser 1 TD. Weese also passed for 51 yards and 2 TDs with Nolan Ritter receiving 1 TD and C. Korte receiving 1 TD.

“We’ve been working on pas defense in preparation for the Fowler game,” said junior Nolan Ritter. “We’ve had a pretty good season so far.” “We’ve been playing well as a team,” continued sophomore Harley Weese, “The younger players are doing a good job.” The Bulldogs will return to their home field as they host Fowler on September 29.